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FOLLOWING IN TRANSLATION IS TEXT OF GRIMAUD LETTER OF FEB. 22
TO RAUSCHENPLAT, PANAM DIRECTOR FOR FRANCE:

" IN YOUR RECENT LETTERS YOU HAVE EXPRESSED THE IDEA
THAT THE CONNECTIONS NOW PLANNED FOR THE CHARLES DE GAULLE
AIRPORT BETWEEN THE FLIGHTS OF YOUR COMPANY AND THOSE OF
FRENCH AIRLINES SERVING PROVINCIAL CITIES ARE NOT SATISFACTORY
AND THAT THIS SITUATION COULD LEAD YOU TO CONSIDER
DELAYING THE DATE FOR TRANSFER OF YOUR SERVICES TO THE
CHARLES DE GAULLE AIRPORT.

FIRST OF ALL, I SHOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT I AM PERFECTLY
AWARE THAT AN OPERATION SUCH AS THE OPENING OF THIS
AIRPORT REQUIRES ON THE PART OF ALL CONCERNED,
AND ON THE PART OF THE AIRLINES IN PARTICULAR,
CONSIDERABLE ADAPTATION (UN TRAVAIL DE MISE AU POINT
CONSIDERABLE) AND HEAVY EXPENSES, AND THAT WITH ONLY
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A FEW DAYS REMAINING BEFORE THE OPENING
EFFORTS MUST BE REDOUBLED IN ORDER THAT DEADLINES CAN

BE MET. I THINK, HOWEVER, THAT FOR A COMPANY SUCH
AS YOURS IT SHOULD BE EASY TO OVERCOME THESE
DIFFICULTIES.

AS CONCERNS THE CONNECTIONS, IT IS CERTAIN
THAT THEY ARE NOT ENTIRELY SATISFACTORY, BUT YOU
WILL CERTAINLY UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS NOT POSSIBLE
TO COME UP WITH SCHEDULES THAT ARE FULLY
ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH ALL THE INTERNATIONAL CARRIERS
AND THE COMPANIES THAT EXPLOIT THE DOMESTIC ROUTES.
THE SCHEDULE WHICH HAS BEEN COMMUNICATED TO YOU
WAS DRAWN UP ONLY AFTER MUCH DIFFICULTY AND TAKING
INTO ACCOUNT TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE THE INTERESTS
OF EACH COMPANY. I RECOGNIZE ITS IMPERFECTIONS BUT
THEIR EFFECTS ARE CERTAINLY NOT SO IMPORTANT AS
TO JUSTIFY A DELAY IN THE TRANSFER OF YOUR TRAFFIC,
WHICH WOULD HAVE DEPLORABLE CONSEQUENCES FOR ALL
THE AIRLINES AND WOULD CERTAINLY BE HARMFUL TO
THE GOOD NAME OF YOUR COMPANY. I AM THEREFORE
COUNTING FIRMLY ON THE PRESENCE OF YOUR COMPANY AT THE
CHARLES DE GAULLE AIRPORT ON MARCH 13.
(COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE)."

2 "SCHEDULE" TO WHICH GRIMAUD REFERS IS ACTUALLY
PARIS AIRPORT AUTHORITY CHART COMMUNICATED TO
PANAM FEB. 19, ON WHICH VARIOUS FLIGHTS ARE
BLOCKED OUT ROUGHLY.IRWIN

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